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TELEPHONE HARASSER FOUND GUILTY

TAMPA --Following a three day trial, Kevin Wiederhold was convicted yesterday in Tampa, Florida, on two federal charges stemming from hundreds of threatening and harassing phone calls.

The defendant was convicted of one count of transmitting in interstate commerce a communication containing a threat to injure another person, and one count of making repeated telephone calls in interstate communications solely to harass any person at the called number. The charges resulted from the defendant's repeated and persistent telephone calls in which he verbally abused, harassed, and threatened to kill a number of victims.

The defendant faces a maximum penalty of five years and a fine of \$250,000 one count, and a maximum penalty of two years and a fine of \$250,000 on another count.

The case was investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony Porcelli.